depend upon the nature and capacity of the new agency/agencies to be engaged by the Government of Punjab.

[*English*]

Allocation of Kerosene to Kerala

1189. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of kerosene allocated to Kerala during the last one year;

(b) whether there is any request to increase the quota of Kerosene to Kerala; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The quantity of Kerosene allocated to Kerala during 1990-91 was 265052 Tonnes.

(b) and (c). Requests have been received from Kerala as well as from other State Government for enhancement of SKO allocation. Requests, whenever received, are considered and decisions taken keeping in view various factors including products availability etc.

[*Translation*]

Mining at Pathakhera Coal Belt, Maharashtra

1190. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether clearance has been given for extraction of coal in the Pathakhera coal-belt, Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith expenditure incurred and its production capacity;

(c) whether extraction work has been started there and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be started; and

(e) the names of places where the new coal washeries have been set up/proposed to be set up to provide coal to power stations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (d). There are four sanctioned projects working in Pathakhera coalfield. The details are given below :-